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SUBJ: ARGENTINA-LIBYA AGREEMENTS ON SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY &
ATOMIC ENERGY

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1. SUMMARY. TWO OF THE AGREEMENTS RECENTLY SIGNED (REFTEL) BY ARGENTINA DN LIBYA DEAL WITH SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY. THE SPECIFICS OF THESE AGREEMENTS TO THE EXTENT DIVULGED HERE TO DATE ARE REPORTED HEREIN.

2. SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT. INTENT IS TO FACILITATE AND PROMOTE INTERCHANGE OF EXPERTS, TECHNICIANS, DOCUMENTS, STUDIES, ETC., AS WELL AS THE JOINT ACCOMPLISHMENT OF RESEARCH PROGRAMS AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT, USING SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INSTALLATIONS AND OTHER TYPES OF COOPERATION IN THIS FIELD. ACCORDING TO A REPORT BY THE ARGENTINE DEL., LIBYA REFUSED TO DISCUSS AND ADDITIONAL MORE DETAILED AGREEMENT OR PROTOCOL WHICH WAS PROPOSED BY THE GOA.

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THE LARG ATTITUDE WAS THAT THE OPERATIVE ASPECTS SHOULD BE THE

SUBJECT OF PROTOCOLS TO BE CONCLUDED THROUGH APPLICATION OF THE
S & T AGREEMENT IN FUTURE BILATERAL CONTACTS.

3. ATOMIC ENERGY. THE AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION IN PEACEFUL USES
OF ATOMIC ENERGY IS INTENDED TO PROMOTE ARGENTINE ASSISTANCE IN THE
TRAINING OF LIBYAN EXPERTS AND IN THE TRANSMISSION OF KNOWLEDGE
RELATIVE TO THE APPLICATION OF THE ATOM FOR THE GENERATION OF ENERGY,
INDUSTRIAL USES (ESPECIALLY WATER DESALINIZATION), MEDICINES, AND
FOR THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR.

4. THE LIBYAN INTEREST IN AGRICULTURE IS REPORTEDLY CONCENTRATED ON
ASSURING THE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE ARGENTINE TECHNICAL COOPERATION FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT OF LIBYAN CEREAL AND HORTICULTURAL PRODUCTION; THE
PRODUCTION AND INDUSTRIALIZATION OF MILK, BREEDING, AND IMPROVEMENT
OF SHEEP; POULTRY PRODUCTION; AND ANIMAL GENETICS AND HEALTH. THE
COOPERATION WILL INCLUDE INTERCHANGE AND TRAINING OF EXPERTS, INCLU-
DING THE DEVELOPMENT OF "INTENSIVE ACTION" IN THE FIELDS OF
PROSPECTION, CAPTIVATION, AND USE OF LIBYAN UNDERGROUND WATER
RESOURCES,
AS WELL AS RELATED ASPECTS SUCH AS IRRIGATION, CREATION OF PASTURES,
CHOICES OF CULTIVATION, ETC.

5. COMMENT. MORE DETAILS MAY BECOME AVAILABLE AS THESE AGREEMENTS
MOVE TOWARD RATIFICATION IN THE ARGENTINE CONGRESS. IT WILL THEN BE
OF SOME INTEREST TO SEE HOW THEY WORK IN PRACTICE, AS THEY APPEAR TO
REPRESENT A SOMEWHAT INNOVATIVE ATTEMPT ON ARGENTINA'S PART TO PROVIDE

A CERTAIN ADDITIONAL QUID PRO QUO FOR LIBYAN OIL AND TO STRETCH A
MEASURE OF ARGENTINE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO AFRICA, THE ARAB
WORLD, AND A SIGNIFICANT PETROLEUM EXPORTING COUNTRY.
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